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SUBJECT: SARG ARRESTS SUPPORTERS OF FORMER STRONGMAN SALAH JEDID

1. RELIABLE SYRIAN SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT IN PAST FEW DAYS SARG HAS INITIATED CAMPAIGN OF ARRESTS AMONG SUSPECTED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SUPPORTERS OF FORMER STRONGMAN SALAH JEDID. SOURCE SAID THAT JEDID PARTISANS ORGANIZED INTO CELLS OF SEVEN-TEN PEOPLE, BUT THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL KNOWS ONLY ONE OTHER MEMBER OF CELL. THIS HAS HINDERED EFFORTS OF SARG SECURITY TO PENETRATE AND ROLL UP THE JEDID ORGANIZATION.

2. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT REGIME HAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED AND DISMISSED SOME SENIOR-ECHELON MILITARY OFFICERS. NOTED THAT IN SYRIA PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS AND DISMISSALS ARE ROUTINELY ANNOUNCED TWICE YEARLY IN JANUARY AND JULY. HE CONSIDERED TIMING OF RECENT ACTIONS UNUSUAL AND SUGGESTED THEY HAD BEEN DONE TO FIRM UP POLITICAL RELIABILITY OF MILITARY TO ASAD REGIME.

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